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Applicant(s):	Yoshinori Watanabe	Confirmation	9153
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated October 23, 2007 in which claims were subjected to restriction. The applicant provisionally elects to prosecute **Group II** (*i.e.*, claims 5-6, 11-12, 17-18, and 23-24 drawn to protein variants). With respect to the sequence election, the applicant provisionally elects **SEQ ID NO:2**. As is set forth in detail below, this election is made with traverse. Entry and consideration of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.